

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **WTO—MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the EEOC. Testimony was heard from Paul Igasaki, Acting Chairman, EEOC.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Human Rights. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### **INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Postsecondary Education, the Office for Civil Rights and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: David A. Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education; and Norma V. Cantu, Assistant Secretary, Civil Rights; and Diane Frankel, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

### **VA-HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NSF. Testimony was heard from Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF.

### **FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK OPERATIONS**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Operations of the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, ("FinCEN"). Testimony was heard from Richard M. Stana, Associate Director, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; and William Baity, Acting Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

### **FHA—SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY DISPOSITION**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on FHA-Single Family Property Disposition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Emelda Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Single Family Housing; Paul Leonard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Development and Research; and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; and Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **BUDGET PROJECTIONS AND BASELINES**

*Committee on the Budget:* Task Force on Budget Process held a hearing on Budget Projections and Baselines. Testimony was heard from Paul Van de Water, Assistant Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### **FDA MANAGEMENT CONCERNS**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Management Concerns. Testimony was heard from Robert Gramling, Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Michael A. Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner; Robert Byrd, Deputy Commissioner, Management and Systems; and Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; and a public witness.

### **VIDEO COMPETITION: MULTICHANNEL PROGRAMMING**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Video Competition: Multichannel Programming, focusing on the following bills; H.R. 2921, Multichannel Video Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 3210, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act.

Testimony was heard from: John Logan, Acting Bureau Chief, Cable Services Bureau, FCC; Dave Carson, General Counsel, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT INVESTIGATION—TEAMSTERS ELECTION; COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2888, Sales Incentive Compensation Act; and H.R. 2327, Drive for Teen Employment Act.

The Committee approved contract agreements regarding the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

#### **FEDERALLY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Federal Consolidated Financial Statements: Can the Federal Government Balance Its Books. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, GAO; G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Controller and Acting Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Gerald Murphy, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; and John D. Hawke, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 350, congratulating the people of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their nation's independence; H. Con. Res. 218, amended, concerning the urgent need to establish a cease fire in Afghanistan and begin the transition toward a broad-based multiethnic government that observes international norms of behavior; H. Res. 374, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the ongoing violence in Algeria; H. Con. Res. 222, expressing the sense of Congress, congratulating the former International Support and Verification Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS-CIAV) for successfully aiding in the transition of Nicaragua from a war-ridden state into a newly formed democracy and providing continued support through the recently created Technical Cooperation Mission (OAS-TCM) which is responsible for helping to stabilize Nicaraguan democracy by supplementing institution building; H. Con. Res. 215, amended,

congratulating the people of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections; S. Con. Res. 37, expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and that its international character and activities should be recognized; and H.J. Res. 102, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PRIVATE BILLS**

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 872, amended, Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1997; H.R. 2925, Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act of 1997; H.R. 3565, Care for Police Survivors Act of 1998; and H.R. 2281, amended, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act.

The Committee also met and approved private bills.

#### **LONG RANGE AIRPOWER PANEL RESULTS**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the results of the Long Range Airpower Panel. Testimony was heard from Gen. Larry D. Welch, USAF, (Ret.), President, Institute for Defense Analysis.

#### **MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION**

*Committee on Science:* Continued oversight hearings on Math and Science Education II, Attracting and Graduating Scientists and Engineers Prepared to Succeed in Academia and Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **GSA BUDGET**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on GSA FY 1999 Budget and related Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Myrick, Granger and Frost; and Paul Chistolini, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

#### **FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Federal Railroad Administration Reauthorization: Safety Hardware Issues. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert

Lauby, Director, Office of Railroad Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Ordered reported H.R. 3603, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1999.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the use of an Expert Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representatives Kolbe, Nadler and Pomeroy; former Senator Robert Dole of Kansas; and public witnesses.

#### DCI WRAP-UP

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Director of Central Intelligence Wrap-up. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* to hold hearings on S. 1323, to regulate concentrated animal

feeding operations for the protection of the environment and public health, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to resume hearings to examine implications of the recent Supreme Court decision concerning credit union membership, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold hearings to examine the status of Puerto Rico, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, business meeting, to mark up S. 1301, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, and S. 1352, to amend Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for depositions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings to examine the extent of chlorofluorocarbon in the atmosphere, 10 a.m., SD-430.

#### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E554-55 in today's Record.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.